

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideki KOMATSUDA

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation of Application No. 10/090,731 filed March 6, 2002

Filed: October 27, 2003

Docket No.: 105193.07

For: ILLUMINATION SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**